

March 5, 1974

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PRESIDENT: Tabulate the vote. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Changing from no to not voting.

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CLERK: 18 ayes, 17 nays and the remainder not voting.

PRESIDENT: Motion loses, it needs 25. Did we finally get to General File? 995 on General File. We finally got there at ten till four.

CLERK: Read LB995

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, the amendments are from the committee and I can handle them. Senator Chambers is not in for that is alright with you I'll proceed.

PRESIDENT: It is alright.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'll move for the adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT: Adopt the amendments.

SENATOR BARNETT: These are committee amendments to LB995 that have been offered by the committee by the Lancaster County board and also by some of the employees of the employees association. Now, it is going to be impossible to discuss the amendments without discussing the bill, what would be your pleasure.

PRESIDENT: Sounds like a practical solution, go ahead.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the legislature we can talk on the amendments and to discuss the bill at the same time. What this bill is and I would like to have your attention on it long enough to tell you that it is to develop a personnel system a civil service system whatever you might call for the employees of Lancaster County, it affects no one, and I repeat no one, other than the Lancaster County employees. There is no way that I can discuss the bill without first telling you that there is some disagreement among the Lancaster County employees and among the elected officials but the Lancaster County delegation and they will probably speak for themselves. At the present time, know that the people that work for Lancaster County need some type of a personnel system. I have a file that is about two inches thick that is filled with letters and everything else, statements and from people that are involved and people that are very serious about this move. You have been given the outline of 995 and I'm sure that you can follow it. There has been an amendment added to it and everything and I think that what it will do is to develop one of the finest civil service systems irregardless of some of the knocks that are in it at the present time. I think that the best way to handle this situation is to tell you that these employees